

Statute - NY

State Agencies

N.Y. Stat Fin. Law § 163. Purchasing services and commodities.

10. e. The commissioner may authorize purchases required by state agencies or other authorized purchasers by letting a contract pursuant to a written agreement, or by approving the use of a contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government and/or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or states. A state agency purchaser shall document in the procurement record its rationale for the use of a contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any other state or states. Such rationale shall include, but need not be limited to, a determination of need, a consideration of the procurement method by which the contract was awarded, an analysis of alternative procurement sources including an explanation why a competitive procurement or the use of a centralized contract let by the commissioner is not in the best interest of the state, and the reasonableness of cost.

Local Governments

N.Y. Gen. Mun. Law § 103. Advertising for bids and offers; letting of contracts; criminal conspiracies.

16. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions one, two and three of this section, and section one hundred four of this article, any officer, board or agency of a political subdivision or of any district therein authorized to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract for such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by such political subdivision or district therein through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities; provided, however, that no political subdivision or district therein, other than a city with a population of one million or more inhabitants or any district, board or agency with jurisdiction exclusively therein, may make such purchases or contract for such services through the use of such a contract let on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section unless the political subdivision or district shall first adopt a local law, rule, regulation or resolution, as the case may be, pursuant to subdivision one of this section, authorizing the use of best value for awarding purchase contracts.

The authority provided to political subdivisions and districts therein pursuant to this subdivision shall not relieve any obligation of such political subdivision or district therein to comply with any applicable minority and women-owned business enterprise program mandates and the preferred source requirements of section one hundred sixty-two of the state finance law.

About Sourcewell:

Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017). Under its enabling statute, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members. Id. at Subd. 7(23).

Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education,

higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.

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